

**"One Year's Seeding,  
Nine Years' Weeding."**

Selected impurities in your blood will soon seeds of disease of which you may never get rid. If your blood is even the least bit impure, do not delay, but take Hood's Sarsaparilla at once. It is doing there to safety in delay there is danger. Be sure to get only Hood's, because

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Never Disappoints

He Did's Lament.  
Stranger—You are the only gentleman in the room.  
Guest—In what way, sir?  
Stranger—When I stepped in the door, hearing my fair partner's dress, you were the only one in the room who did not laugh.  
Guest—The lady is my wife, and I paid for the dress.—N. Y. Weekly.

Portland to the East.  
Effective September 1st, the Rio Grande Western Railway will put on its fourth popular excursion car from Portland to the East. This car will run via the Colorado Midland, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roads, and will leave Portland every Friday, spend the second day out (Sunday) at Salt Lake City, "the City of the Saints," and then go through to Chicago via Colorado Springs and Omaha, without change. The other passengers will be taken to the Burlington route at Portland, Monday, via Kansas City and the Missouri Pacific and Chicago & Alton roads; Tuesday, via Omaha and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and Wednesday, via Omaha and the Burlington route. All of these cars are cut out for the day at Salt Lake City, giving all passengers a daylight stopover in the Mormon capital, thus ensuring them a ride by daylight through the heart of the Rocky Mountains. The excursion leaves Portland Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday run over the Denver & Rio Grande tracks. This gives the passengers from the Pacific Northwest the choice of crossing the Rockies via Tennessee, Marshall or Hagerman Pass.

For information as to rates and for descriptive pamphlets, address J. D. Mansfield, General Agent, 283 Washington street, Portland, Oregon.

**Schilling's Best**  
tea  
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Improved Train Equipment.  
The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Eurlhart, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

"I'll know better next time," said Mrs. Ferguson, speaking of it afterward. "I told George's uncle to consider himself at home in our house."

"Well, it wasn't five minutes afterward that he began to tremble about the cooking."—Chicago Tribune.

A ball of fire which afterwards proved to be a meteor, was seen shooting through the sky at Eos yesterday. It alighted upon the roof of John Walters' dwelling, and set fire to the house.

There was great fun at Kolbach, Switzerland, a short time ago. A prisoner escaped from the jail, and the warden let out about 50 convicts to hunt for him. The people of the town supplied information to the prisoners, and they became so plentifully that they were unable to find the fugitive and had to be escorted back to the jail.

Benjamin L. Richards, the new president of the American Whist League, learned to play whist when 6 years old.

**An Excellent Combination.**  
The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, is illustrated by CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrating the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinal, laxative and purgative in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system. It is the one perfect, safe and reliable remedy, cleansing the system effectually, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers gently and promptly, and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

In the process of manufacturing figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal qualities of the remedy are obtained from senna and other aromatic plants, by a method known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only. In order to get its beneficial effects and to avoid imitations, please remember the full name of the Company printed on the front of every package.

**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**  
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y.  
For sale by all Druggists.—Price 50c. per bottle.

**HARVEST YEARS AGO.**

**CHANGES IN METHODS SINCE THE OLD TIMES.**

The Cradler and His Attendant. Cradlers and Binders Half a Century Back.—Contest for Reputation in a Wheat Field—Present-Day Harvesting.

One needs to be in a remnant mood before he can realize how fully the wonderful changes that have taken place in the method of harvesting wheat in the last fifty years. Our earliest recollection of the harvest field is during the Mexican war, we believe in 1847. The wheat was then cut with a cradle. Three acres a day was a good day's work for one cradler, and his wages were from \$1 to \$1.25. Usually a man and boy "took up," that is, raked and bound, and their combined wages were about the same as a cradler's. Occasionally a man would "follow" the cradle, that is, would bind up the cradler would, but could do it only by keeping up close so that he would take the last cut off the fingers of the cradle. He usually received the same pay as the cradler. Then came the shocking, and after that the raking of the fields with a horse-drawn primitive affair, revolving with wooden teeth. The "piece" was usually brought out about 10 o'clock, together with a bucket of fresh water and generally something stronger. Dinner was at noon, with an hour's rest; supper at 5 o'clock, and work ended at sundown. The cost of harvesting under those primitive conditions was as little and less than it has been most of the time since the introduction of the self-binder.

Cuts were cut rather green and allowed to lie two or three days in the swath before binding. At a period somewhat earlier they were allowed to lie until after a heavy rain, the reason being that when thoroughly soaked they would be more pliable than when put up in good condition, the same market in that country, Western Pennsylvania, before the advent of the railroads, being at the taverns on the mountain. At present less than 70 turkeys, where they were sold by the bushel, are now raised in the stock which then traveled through to the Eastern markets.

It was a great thing in those days to have the reputation of being the best cradler, and many were the contests between rival cradlers for the honor. One of these contests occurred on the home farm. The field to be cut down measured thirteen acres of only moderately heavy but upstanding wheat. It began early in the morning, with two to follow each cradler, whom she followed, then a boy of thirteen, was one. The day was hot, and the race was continuous until nearly sundown, when an acre of the field remained, and the owner came out and peremptorily ordered the contest to cease and the cradler to get out of the field. We remember distinctly that the cut that day was 304 sheaves of twelve sheaves each. The winner started in second, and about 4 o'clock, cut around the leader, and carried the laurels for years afterwards. We were as proud of following that leader and being up with him when ordered out of the field as the modern boy is now of being champion of foot-ball.

How wonderfully times have changed, when a bright boy of fifteen years old can go into a similar field of wheat, cut it in a single day, doing much better work than could possibly have been done under the old method. And yet, done under the old method, and yet we believe the harvest of the old method better than the new. My, what they had in those days at harvest time! What an appetite a boy had for fried spring chicken and custard pie! And what blessed sleep came after a day's work that harvest field—Wallace's Farmer.

**WORLD'S MOST DEADLY POISON.**

**Suspicious Observations of a Peculiar Manufactory in England.**  
In London is a strange establishment behind a wilderness of warehouses and tumble-down tenements, in a remote suburb. Its massive gates, says the Interior, are locked and jealously guarded. A visitor must not only be careful where he steps and refrain from touching; he must also breathe with great caution. One of the terrible poisons manufactured here is pure anhydrous acid, a drug seldom seen outside a chemical laboratory. This is the deadliest of all known poisons. The discoverer was stricken dead from inhaling its fumes. From 3 to 5 per cent. of this chemical added to 95 or 97 parts water makes prussic acid. This diluted poison causes instant death even when taken in minute quantities. Last year they turned out over 1,000 tons of it. Five grains being a fatal dose, the annual output would be sufficient to kill 2,000,000 people. In the workroom men are gathered around a witch's cauldron containing over a hundredweight of molten cyanide. The seething mass of white-hot liquid spouts, with the lament pl of the furnace, the phantom form of the workmen enveloped in an uncanny looking-glass mask, peering into the heart of the dreadful mixture through the thick atmosphere, make a terrible sight. In another room, where ten of the finished product looking like crystallized sugar, "good enough to eat," one man is never allowed alone. For some inexplicable reason, it exerts a strange fascination for the men who inhale its fumes. They are haunted by a desire to eat it. But, knowing that satisfying the craving means instant death, most, but not all, resist it.

**What It Means to "See Stars."**  
If a man falls so as to strike his head violently on the ice or on the pavement, or if he gets a blow over the eye, he is said to "see stars," says the Chicago Chronicle. The cause of this curious phenomenon is found in a peculiarity of the optic nerve. The function of that nerve is to convey to the brain the impression of light. It recognizes nothing in the world but light. It is susceptible to no other impression, or, if acted upon by any other agent, it communicates to the brain the intelligence of the presence of that agent by sending along its fibre flashes of light only. Irritate this nerve with a probe or other instrument, and it conveys no sensation of pain, but simply that of luminous sparks. The pain of the blow on the eye, or the fall on the head, is realized through the nerves of general sensation; but, insusceptible to pain or other feeling, the optic nerve sends to the brain its report of the shock by flashes, sparks and "stars."

**Why British Troops Wear Scarlet.**  
Several reasons are urged by scientific and military experts in favor of infantry soldiers wearing scarlet coats. Scarlet affords the best attainable protection against the extremes of heat and cold to which soldiers are liable to be exposed. The darker the color

**KNOWS ALL THAT'S GOING ON.**

**President Kruger of the Oom Paul.**

No one ever denied that the Oom Paul, president of the South African Republic, was an astute old statesman. Time and again he has beaten our British cousins in diplomacy and has proved his worth as a diplomatist.

At the time of the Jameson raid it caused Dr. Jameson and his associates considerable surprise that their plans were known to the Boers almost as soon as they were conceived. The British met, fought and defeated by the British government's high command. The British met, fought and defeated by the British government's high command. The British met, fought and defeated by the British government's high command.

**A SIMOON IN THE DESERT.**

Graphic Description of the Dread Terror of the Sands.  
So this yellow, sunburned life drags its weary weight across the endless plains. A fatigued, awful march; no hope, no halt for man or beast; but on, over the spreading billows of biting sands, of glowing, shifting, sinking sands, with overhead the hot sky, blue and hard, and blazing in its midst the scorching rays that burn and blister with its light.

In agony the camels stumble on, beat at the dense hot wall. Desperately the coolies hide their faces in the hot, scorching hush before them; but through their nostrils they feel the agony of consciousness. A shudder brings them to a knowledge of a something awful. Through the sun-steeped, bleached minds there cuts a keener stab. They are awake to what?

Many people regard gold as of one color; this is a mistake, as pure gold varies considerably in hue. An expert can tell the locality from whence it is derived by its color. Australian gold is very much redder than Californian. Nugget gold (Klondike, for instance) is yellow, whereas that from quartz is of a deeper "golden" tint. The reddest gold comes from the Ural Mountains. Of course few people see pure gold, for the metal of commerce and even our coins are alloyed. Native metal is much too soft to be used alone and requires an alloy to enable it to withstand rough wear and tear.

Astronomers are already looking forward with keen interest to the expected reappearance of the celebrated Leonid meteors next November. These meteors, whose reappearance as a great swarm occurs at intervals of about thirty-three years, made a spectacular display in 1883, and were very numerous in 1885 and 1887. Recent calculations show that since the swarm met the earth the last time it has been perturbed by the attractions of Jupiter and Saturn, and that the middle of the shower this year will occur on the evening of Nov. 16, instead of the 14th. It will be visible in both Europe and the United States.

A recent investigation in Germany of the suitability of aluminum for cooking utensils raises the question whether any danger attends the use of such vessels. While aluminum is but slightly affected by weak acids when they are pure, it is rapidly attacked in the presence of sodium chloride by sulphur dioxide, acetic acid and even alum. But, says Science, it remains mooted question whether the metallic disintegration would do injury to the system. Experiments made indicate that aluminum salts have a somewhat detrimental effect on digestion; yet on the other hand, alum water is often beneficial to health.

**Call Him by His Right Name.**  
In this country the Italian is the typical "dago," because he is the only familiar representative of the dark-skinned nations of Latin Europe, says the Cleveland Leader. It is the Spaniard, however, whose language furnished this name for the men of the Mediterranean countries who come to the United States. One of the most familiar names borne by Spaniards is "Diego." It serves nearly as well as John in this country as a typical name for a boy or man. English sailors long ago came to know Spaniards as "diegos," because "dago" was about as near as they could handle come to "diego." It was not for jolly seamen to discriminate too closely between Spaniards and Portuguese, or even between the Spanish and the Italian. So they were all "diegos," for senfary purposes, and from the coast the nickname followed the immigrants from Mediterranean countries to whatever part of the United States they made their way. The Spaniard is not often thought of when one hears the name "dago," but it fits him more accurately than it does any one else.

**Clever Ideas.**  
A man one day turned a piece of wire so as to hold a cork more securely in a bottle, and forthwith somebody saw a brilliant idea and patented the modern wire stopper-holder, which is now used annually on several million bottles. An accidental bending of a hairpin by a woman to prevent her sliding out of her hat easily produced a fortune for her husband, who immediately saw the possibilities of a crinkled hairpin for women.

**Green Garnets.**  
Green garnets are more valuable than diamonds because of its exceedingly rare. They are of an unsurpassed richness and are very brilliant. On the other hand, red garnets are so common that they cost next to nothing.

**Every man deliberately does things he can't afford.**  
It always makes a man mad if he has a son who is taller than he is.

**The Remorse of a Guilty Stomach**

Henry McLaughlin, of 17th Union, Ill., is a veteran of the 16th Illinois Infantry. He is said to be a man of much strength and unable to attend to business. Finally, my wife persuaded me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and to my surprise I began to get better. Three bottles of these pills did the work. I am now a healthy man. When I began to take the pills I felt as if I were being pulled back by a hand. I feel now as if I were being pulled forward by a hand. I feel now as if I were being pulled forward by a hand.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold by the dozen or hundred, but all druggists. All druggists, or direct from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box, 6 boxes \$2.50.

**String Beans Stewed in Butter.**  
Prepare the beans as usual, parboil them, then put them on in just enough new boiling water to cover them, and add as much butter as you would use in dressing them to serve. Let them cook in the water and butter for two hours, adding water as it boils away. Pepper and add salt to taste, and a little milk if preferred, and you will have a dish, fit not only for a king, but for the independent American citizen who pays his way as he goes.—Housewife.

**Ostriches, when frightened, get over the ground at the rate of 25 miles an hour. Their strides measure 1 1/2 feet.**

**An India elephant can carry from 800 to 1,000 pounds, march eight to 10 hours a day, and do with five or six hours' sleep. It needs 600 pounds of green feed daily, besides grain.**

**Charles Darwin's statue, the gift of Fort. Poolton, has been put up in the Oxford University museum next to the statue of Sir Isaac Newton.**

**Miss Annie Luker, an American girl, is a diver from Diversville, at the Royal Aquarium, London, she daily dives from a height of 90 feet into a tank of water.**

**A San Francisco man who died long ago with pleurisy was found to have had three-quarters of an inch of a needle in his heart, which had been there long enough to rust.**

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**A Fall Back Behind.**

Edna—Love to ride in front on a tandem.  
Jack—You do? Why?  
"Because no matter what happens there is always some one to fall back on."—Chicago Evening News.

**Customer—Will these pants bag at the knees?**  
Merchant—Mean friend, no pants will bag at the knees if you treat them right. I tell you how before you go. It sees my own invention.  
Customer (delighted)—Then I'll take your plan. Here is the money. What is your plan?  
Dealer—Nearer sit down.—N. Y. Weekly.

**In the British army in India there are about 1,600 cases of typhoid fever every year, 300 of them fatal.**

**It is a remarkable fact that few bald head men ever die of consumption.**

**Remember that you can buy Jesse Moore A. A. Whiskey for the same price that is paid for ordinary whiskey. For sale by all first-class dealers and druggists.**

**To lay the dust on its roadbed the Boston and Maine railroad runs a large oil sprinkler over its route.**

**We will forfeit \$1,000 if any of our published testimonials are proven to be not genuine. THE PRIO CO., Warren, Pa.**

**The first balloon ascension was made by the Montgolfier brothers in Lyons, France, June 5, 1783.**

**FITS Permanently Cured. No fits nervousness, dizziness, headache, or any other ailment. Send for FREE 32-page trial bottle and treatise. P. O. R. H. KILPATRICK, 200 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.**

**The Oldsmobiles and How to Reach Them.**  
The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad has recognized the great interest which has lately been aroused in these wonderful ruins, and will furnish an application to R. C. Nichol, General Agent, 251 Washington street, Portland, Or., a pamphlet describing the ruins, and the best way to reach them.

**These historical ruins are located on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.**

**Parties going East should avail themselves of the opportunity of purchasing tickets via this line, the scenic line of the world.**

**The ordinary folding fan was invented in the seventh century by a Japanese artist, who derived the idea from watching a bat closing its wings.**

**A sheep with five horns rambles around the farm of William Marston in Cedar Springs, Ky. Two horns grow on each side of the head and one in the center.**

**On each train of the new Siberian railroad there will be a stationary bicycle to afford exercise to the passengers, and a barber who will shave them free of cost.**

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**Largest Bust on Record.**

The bust of Sir Joseph Paxton, the architect of the famous Crystal Palace in London, is now being moved from its old position on the terrace to its new position of moving a house, for the bust is one of the largest ever made. It was completed in 1859, and stands over nine feet in height. Sir Joseph Paxton was born in Bedfordshire in 1803, and was knighted for his services in designing the Crystal Palace. He died in Sydenham in 1865. His plan for the Crystal Palace was accepted after 235 other plans had been declined. He also won fame as a landscape gardener and architect, and was elected to parliament as a liberal.—Chicago Tribune.

**Music for Nervousness.**  
Scientists claim that music has power to soothe the nerves. But the quickest way to cure nervousness is to strengthen the nervous system. We know of nothing which will accomplish this better than Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Do not take a substitute. See that a private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

**Kintichi Batakov, president of the diet at Japan, is a Freysyrtian.**

**Pleasant, Palatable, Potent.**  
Easy on the stomach, in action easy in results—Cascarets Candy Cathartic, Men's Regulator and General Tonic. All druggists, etc., 25c. 50c.

**Scientists men generally believe that the bed of the Pacific Ocean was once above water and inhabited by men.**

**DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED**  
By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constituting the system. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a humming sound or imperfect hearing, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed; blue cases out of ten are caused by this cause. It is not a matter of dollars, but of life. Write for our circular, free.

**Dr. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.**  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

**Kingfisher, Kan., has an ordinance requiring the dogcatcher to produce the tail of every unlicensed dog killed by him.**

**Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Footing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.**

**Grasshoppers attain their greatest size in South America, where they grow to a length of five inches and spread out 10 inches.**

**In Asti, California, is an immense cistern lined with concrete two feet thick for the storage of wine. Its capacity is 500,000 gallons.**

**Fifteen prisoners in the Columbus (Ohio) penitentiary were in the habit of stealing cigars from the shop, and transferring them to outside confederates. One of the prisoners, an old soldier, had a wooden leg. This he used as a receptacle for some of the stolen cigars.**

**The first silkworms raised in the West have been produced by Mark Chiesa, an Italian, at Des Moines, Ia., from eggs imported from Italy. From 10 silk moths he got 8,000 eggs, and of these 4,000 hatched. It was his intention to produce silk on a large scale.**

**Four cannons have been placed on the four sides of the town of Hennessey, Oklahoma. When the clouds indicate an approaching cyclone, the cannon on the three sides, loaded with shells, bombard the menacing cloud, which soon disperses—in fact, flee from the cannon's angry mouth.**

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**PE-RU-NA**

The debilitating drains and discharges which weaken so many women are caused by Catarrh of the distinctly feminine organs. The sufferer may call her trouble Leucorrhoea, or Weakness, or Female Disease or some other name, but the real trouble is catarrh of the female organs and nothing else.

Pe-ru-na radically and permanently cures this and all other forms of Catarrh. It is a positive specific for female troubles caused by catarrh of the delicate lining of the organs peculiar to women. It always cures if used persistently. It is prompt and certain.

The microbes that cause syphilis and leprosy are also the cause of the system through mucous membranes made porous by catarrh. Pe-ru-na heals the mucous membranes and prevents the entrance of malarial germs, thus preventing and curing these affections.

Even rashes are adulterated now in Berlin, Germany. They are dipped into aniline dye to make them look fresh and pink.

The drummer in Serbian regiments never carries the drum. It is placed on a two-wheeled cart, which is drawn by a big dog just in advance of the drummer.

The Hawaiian Islands a century ago had a native population of some 400,000, which has diminished to less than 80,000 at the present time.

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**LAZY LIVER**

You know very well how you feel when your liver don't act. Bile collects in the blood, bowels become constipated and your whole system is poisoned. A lazy liver is an invitation for a thousand pains and aches to come and dwell with you. Your life becomes one long measure of irritability and despondency and bad feeling. CASCARETS act directly, and in a peculiarly happy manner on the liver and bowels, cleansing, purifying, revitalizing every portion of the liver, driving all the bile from the blood, as is soon shown by increased appetite for food, power to digest it, and strength to throw off the waste. Beware of imitations!

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